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SENATE BILL

No. 602

Introduced by Senator Figueroa (Coauthors: Senators Kuehl and Romero)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Levine, Pavley, and Reyes)

February 20, 2003

An act to amend Sections 1785.11.1, 1785.11.2, and 1785.14 of, to add Section 1799.1b to, to add Title 1.81.2 (commencing with Section 1798.90.1) to Part 4 of Division 3 to, the Civil Code, to amend Sections 530.5, 530.6, 530.8, and 1191.10 and 530.8 of the Penal Code, and to amend Section 2891 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to personal information.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 602, as amended, Figueroa. Personal information.

(1) The Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act permits a consumer to place a security alert in his or credit report by making a request in writing or by telephone to a consumer credit reporting agency.

This bill would provide for a penalty in an amount up to \$2,500 and reasonable attorneys' fees for a failure of a consumer credit reporting agency to place this security alert, as specified. The bill would also require a consumer credit reporting agency to provide additional notice

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to the consumer regarding the expiration date of that security alert, as specified.

(2) Existing law permits a consumer credit reporting agency to charge a reasonable fee to any consumer who elects to, among other things, freeze his or her credit report, with a specified exception.

This bill would limit this charge to no more than a one-time fee of \$10.

(3) Existing law requires consumer credit reporting agencies to maintain reasonable procedures designed to avoid violations of specified provisions, including, but not limited to, procedures that require prospective users of consumer information to identify themselves and the purposes for which that information is sought.

This bill would additionally require every consumer credit reporting agency to make a specified report to the Attorney General by June 30, 2004, to, among others, describe how the agency is complying with those provisions.

(4) Existing law permits a business to use information data encoded on a driver's license for verification purposes only.

This bill would prohibit the retention or further use of this information, except as otherwise authorized by law. The bill would make a violation of these provisions a crime, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

(5) Existing law prohibits business entities, as defined, from making specified disclosures in relation to individual records.

This bill would require a business entity that provides credit, installment, or telephone accounts, as defined, that receives a change of address request from any individual who has an existing account with that entity, to send specified change of address notices.

(6) Existing law provides that every person who willfully obtains personal identifying information about another person, as defined, and uses that information for any unlawful purpose is guilty of a crime punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one year, or a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both, or by imprisonment in the state prison, or a fine not to exceed \$10,000, or both.

This bill would enhance the terms of imprisonment for those persons, if specified circumstances exist. The bill would, in addition, provide that any person convicted of a violation of, or of a conspiracy to violate, those provision would receive, in addition to any other punishment authorized by law, a consecutive 3-year term of imprisonment in the state prison for each prior felony conviction of, or for each prior felony

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conviction of conspiracy to violate, those provisions, whether or not the prior conviction resulted in a term of imprisonment.

By expanding the scope of an existing crime, this bill imposes a state-mandated local program.

(7) Existing law provides a procedure to initiate an investigation of potential identity theft.

This bill would make a clarification within this provision.

(8) Existing law permits a person who discovers that he or she may be a victim of identity theft to request specified reports.

This bill would permit a cause of action for a failure of a person or entity to provide these reports, and would provide for penalties and reasonable attorneys' fees, among others.

(9) Existing law requires the court to permit and consider the statements of victims during the sentencing phase of specified proceedings.

This bill would require the court to permit and consider the statements of identity theft victims when sentencing the person who committed the identity theft, as applicable.

(10)—Existing law prohibits telephone companies from making available specified information, without consent.

This bill would exempt therefrom certain information needed to pursue an identity theft investigation.

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(10) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 Identity Theft Prevention and Assistance Act.
- 3 SEC. 2. Section 1785.11.1 of the Civil Code is amended to
- 4 read:
- 5 1785.11.1. (a) A consumer may elect to place a security alert
- 6 in his or her credit report by making a request in writing or by

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telephone to a consumer credit reporting agency. "Security alert" means a notice placed in a consumer's credit report, at the request of the consumer, that notifies a recipient of the credit report that the consumer's identity may have been used without the consumer's consent to fraudulently obtain goods or services in the consumer's name.

- (b) A consumer credit reporting agency shall notify each person requesting consumer credit information with respect to a consumer of the existence of a security alert in the credit report of that consumer and the date of expiration of that security alert, regardless of whether a full credit report, credit score, or summary report is requested. If that request was made by telephone, notice of the date of expiration of the security alert shall be made during that telephone communication. If that request was made by mail, notice of the date of expiration of the security alert shall be made by a written disclosure sent within 10 business days of the request and printed in a clear and conspicuous manner.
- (c) Each consumer credit reporting agency shall maintain a toll-free telephone number to accept security alert requests from consumers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- (d) The toll-free telephone number shall be included in any written disclosure by a consumer credit reporting agency to any consumer pursuant to Section 1785.15 and shall be printed in a clear and conspicuous manner.
- (e) A consumer credit reporting agency shall place a security alert on a consumer's credit report no later than five business days after receiving a request from the consumer.
- (f) The security alert shall remain in place for at least 90 days, and a consumer shall have the right to request a renewal of the security alert.
- (g) Notwithstanding Section 1785.19, any consumer credit reporting agency that recklessly, willfully, or intentionally fails to place a security alert pursuant to this section shall be liable for a penalty in an amount of up to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and reasonable attorneys' fees.
- 36 SEC. 3. Section 1785.11.2 of the Civil Code is amended to read:
 - 1785.11.2. (a) A consumer may elect to place a security freeze on his or her credit report by making a request in writing by certified mail to a consumer credit reporting agency. "Security

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freeze" means a notice placed in a consumer's credit report, at the request of the consumer and subject to certain exceptions, that prohibits the consumer credit reporting agency from releasing the consumer's credit report or any information from it without the express authorization of the consumer. If a security freeze is in place, information from a consumer's credit report may not be released to a third party without prior express authorization from the consumer. This subdivision does not prevent a consumer credit reporting agency from advising a third party that a security freeze is in effect with respect to the consumer's credit report.

- (b) A consumer credit reporting agency shall place a security freeze on a consumer's credit report no later than five business days after receiving a written request from the consumer.
- (c) The consumer credit reporting agency shall send a written confirmation of the security freeze to the consumer within 10 business days and shall provide the consumer with a unique personal identification number or password to be used by the consumer when providing authorization for the release of his or her credit for a specific party or period of time.
- (d) If the consumer wishes to allow his or her credit report to be accessed for a specific party or period of time while a freeze is in place, he or she shall contact the consumer credit reporting agency, request that the freeze be temporarily lifted, and provide the following:
- (1) Proper identification, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 1785.15.
- (2) The unique personal identification number or password provided by the credit reporting agency pursuant to subdivision (c).
- (3) The proper information regarding the third party who is to receive the credit report or the time period for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.
- (e) A consumer credit reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to temporarily lift a freeze on a credit report pursuant to subdivision (d), shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request.
- (f) A consumer credit reporting agency may develop procedures involving the use of telephone, fax, the Internet, or other electronic media to receive and process a request from a

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consumer to temporarily lift a freeze on a credit report pursuant to subdivision (d) in an expedited manner.

- (g) A consumer credit reporting agency shall remove or temporarily lift a freeze placed on a consumer's credit report only in the following cases:
 - (1) Upon consumer request, pursuant to subdivision (d) or (j).
- (2) If the consumer's credit report was frozen due to a material misrepresentation of fact by the consumer. If a consumer credit reporting agency intends to remove a freeze upon a consumer's credit report pursuant to this paragraph, the consumer credit reporting agency shall notify the consumer in writing prior to removing the freeze on the consumer's credit report.
- (h) If a third party requests access to a consumer credit report on which a security freeze is in effect, and this request is in connection with an application for credit or any other use, and the consumer does not allow his or her credit report to be accessed for that specific party or period of time, the third party may treat the application as incomplete.
- (i) If a consumer requests a security freeze, the consumer credit reporting agency shall disclose the process of placing and temporarily lifting a freeze, and the process for allowing access to information from the consumer's credit report for a specific party or period of time while the freeze is in place.
- (j) A security freeze shall remain in place until the consumer requests that the security freeze be removed. A consumer credit reporting agency shall remove a security freeze within three business days of receiving a request for removal from the consumer, who provides both of the following:
- (1) Proper identification, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 1785.15.
- (2) The unique personal identification number or password provided by the credit reporting agency pursuant to subdivision (c).
- (k) A consumer credit reporting agency shall require proper identification, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 1785.15, of the person making a request to place or remove a security freeze.
- (*l*) The provisions of this section do not apply to the use of a consumer credit report by any of the following:
- (1) A person or entity, or a subsidiary, affiliate, or agent of that person or entity, or an assignee of a financial obligation owing by

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the consumer to that person or entity, or a prospective assignee of a financial obligation owing by the consumer to that person or entity in conjunction with the proposed purchase of the financial 4 obligation, with which the consumer has or had prior to 5 assignment an account or contract, including a demand deposit account, or to whom the consumer issued a negotiable instrument, for the purposes of reviewing the account or collecting the financial obligation owing for the account, contract, or negotiable instrument. For purposes of this paragraph, "reviewing the account" includes activities related to account maintenance, 10 monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and 12 enhancements.

(2) A subsidiary, affiliate, agent, assignee, or prospective assignee of a person to whom access has been granted under subdivision (d) of Section 1785.11.2 for purposes of facilitating the extension of credit or other permissible use.

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- (3) Any state or local agency, law enforcement agency, trial court, or private collection agency acting pursuant to a court order, warrant, or subpoena.
- (4) A child support agency acting pursuant to Chapter 2 of Division 17 of the Family Code or Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. et seq.).
- (5) The State Department of Health Services or its agents or assigns acting to investigate Medi-Cal fraud.
- (6) The Franchise Tax Board or its agents or assigns acting to investigate or collect delinquent taxes or unpaid court orders or to fulfill any of its other statutory responsibilities.
- (7) The use of credit information for the purposes of prescreening as provided for by the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.
- (8) Any person or entity administering a credit file monitoring subscription service to which the consumer has subscribed.
- (9) Any person or entity for the purpose of providing a consumer with a copy of his or her credit report upon the consumer's request.
- (m) This act does not prevent a consumer credit reporting agency from charging no more than a one-time fee of ten dollars (\$10) to a consumer who elects to freeze, remove the freeze, or temporarily lift the freeze regarding access to a consumer credit report, except that a consumer credit reporting agency may not

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charge a fee to a victim of identity theft who has submitted a valid police report or valid Department of Motor Vehicles investigative report that alleges a violation of Section 530.5 of the Penal Code. SEC. 4. Section 1785.14 of the Civil Code is amended to read: 1785.14. (a) Every consumer credit reporting agency shall maintain reasonable procedures designed to avoid violations of Section 1785.13 and to limit furnishing of consumer credit reports to the purposes listed under Section 1785.11. These procedures shall require that prospective users of the information identify themselves, certify the purposes for which the information is sought, and certify that the information will be used for no other purposes. From the effective date of this act, the consumer credit reporting agency shall keep a record of the purposes as stated by the user. Every consumer credit reporting agency shall make a reasonable effort to verify the identity of a new prospective user and the uses certified by the prospective user prior to furnishing the user a consumer report. No consumer credit reporting agency may furnish a consumer credit report to any person unless the consumer credit reporting agency has reasonable grounds for believing that the consumer credit report will be used by the person for the purposes listed in Section 1785.11. A consumer credit reporting agency does not have reasonable grounds for believing that a consumer credit report will be used by the person for the purposes listed in Section 1785.11, unless all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) If the prospective user is a retail seller, as defined in Section 1802.3, and intends to issue credit to a consumer who appears in person on the basis of an application for credit submitted in person, the consumer credit reporting agency shall, with a reasonable degree of certainty, match at least three categories of identifying information within the file maintained by the consumer credit reporting agency on the consumer with the information provided to the consumer credit reporting agency by the retail seller. The categories of identifying information may include, but are not limited to, first and last name, month and date of birth, driver's license number, place of employment, current residence address, previous residence address, or social security number. The categories of information may not include mother's maiden name.
- (2) If the prospective user is a retail seller, as defined in Section 1802.3, and intends to issue credit to a consumer who appears in

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person on the basis of an application for credit submitted in person, the retail seller certifies, in writing, to the consumer credit reporting agency that it instructs its employees and agents to inspect a photo identification of the consumer at the time the application was submitted in person. This paragraph does not apply to an application for credit submitted by mail.

- (3) If the prospective user intends to extend credit by mail pursuant to a solicitation by mail, the extension of credit shall be mailed to the same address as on the solicitation unless the prospective user verifies any address change by, among other methods, contacting the person to whom the extension of credit will be mailed.
- (4) On or before June 30, 2004, every consumer credit reporting agency shall submit a report to the Attorney General describing how the agency is complying with this subdivision. This report shall detail, among other things, the procedures, technology, and mechanisms the agency uses to match the identifying information described in this subdivision. In addition, the report shall include the number of requests that have been granted and denied based on this matching requirement and the criteria used by the agency to grant or deny these requests.
- (b) Whenever a consumer credit reporting agency prepares a consumer credit report, it shall follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy of the information concerning the individual about whom the report relates. These reasonable procedures shall include, but not be limited to, permanent retention by the consumer credit reporting agency in the consumer's file, or a separately individualized file, of that portion of the data in the file that is used by the consumer credit reporting agency to identify the individual consumer pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a). This permanently retained data shall be available for use in either a reinvestigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1785.16, an investigation where the consumer has filed a police report pursuant to subdivision (k) of Section 1785.16, or a restoration of a file involving the consumer. If the permanently retained identifying information is retained in a consumer's file, it shall be clearly identified in the file in order for an individual who reviews the file to easily distinguish between the permanently stored identifying information and any other identifying information that may be a part of the file. This

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retention requirement does not apply to data that is reported in error, that is obsolete, or that is found to be inaccurate through the results of a reinvestigation initiated by a consumer pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1785.16.

- (c) No consumer credit reporting agency may prohibit any user of any consumer credit report furnished by the consumer credit reporting agency from disclosing the contents of the consumer credit report to the consumer who is the subject of the report if adverse action may be taken by the user based in whole or in part on the consumer credit report. The act of disclosure to the consumer by the user of the contents of a consumer credit report may not be a basis for liability of the consumer credit reporting agency or the user under Section 1785.31.
- (d) A consumer credit reporting agency shall provide a written 15 notice to any person who regularly and in the ordinary course of business supplies information to the consumer credit reporting agency concerning any consumer or to whom a consumer credit report is provided by the consumer credit reporting agency. The notice shall specify the person's obligations under this title. Copies of the appropriate code sections shall satisfy the requirement of this subdivision.
 - SEC. 5. Title 1.81.2 (commencing with Section 1798.90.1) is added to Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code, to read:

TITLE 1.81.2. CONFIDENTIALITY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION

- 1798.90.1. (a) Any business may swipe a driver's license in any electronic device for purposes of verification of age and authentication of the driver's license, but may not retain or further use that information for any other purpose, except where otherwise authorized by law and only to the extent authorized by law.
- (b) As used in this section, "business" means a proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or any other form of commercial enterprise.
- (c) A violation of this section constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for no more than one year, or by a fine of no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by both.
 - SEC. 6. Section 1799.1b is added to the Civil Code, to read:

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1799.1b. (a) Any business entity that provides credit, installment, or telephone accounts that receives a change of address request from any individual that has an existing credit, installment, or telephone account with that entity shall send within 30 days of receipt of that request a change of address notification to the previous address of record and to the new address.

- (b) The following definitions shall apply to this section:
- (1) "Credit account" has the same meaning as "credit card," as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1747.02.
- (2) "Installment account" has the same meaning as that provided in Section 1802.7.
- (3) "Telephone account" means an account with a telephone corporation, as defined in Section 234 of the Public Utilities Code. SEC. 7. Section 530.5 of the Penal Code is amended to read: 530.5. (a) Every person who willfully obtains personal identifying information, as defined in subdivision (c), of another person, and uses that information for any unlawful purpose, including to obtain, or attempt to obtain, credit, goods, services, or medical information in the name of the other person without the consent of that person, is guilty of a public offense, and upon conviction therefor, shall be punished either by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one year, a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both that imprisonment and fine, or by imprisonment in the state prison, a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both that imprisonment and fine.
- (b) "Electronic communication" means the transmission of personal identifying information as part of any e-commerce transaction, including, but not limited to, transactions over the Internet, electronic funds transfers, or Web site purchases.
- (c) "Personal identifying information" means the name, address, telephone number, health insurance identification number, taxpayer identification number, school identification number, state or federal driver's license number, or identification number, social security number, place of employment, employee identification number, mother's maiden name, demand deposit account number, savings account number, checking account number, PIN (personal identification number) or password, alien registration number, government passport number, date of birth, unique biometric data including fingerprint, facial scan identifiers, voice print, retina or iris image, or other unique physical

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representation, unique electronic data including identification number, address, or routing code, telecommunication identifying information or access device, information contained in a birth or death certificate, or credit card number of an individual person.

- (d) "Taking or loss" means the amount of credit issued, surety granted, money taken, or goods received at the full value of the item as sold or purchased, irrespective of whether the defendant actually obtained the goods or was able to use the credit. The value of the taking or loss is complete on the issuance of the credit granting of the surety, or the provision or shipment of the order.
- (e) "Victim" means the person whose personal identifying information was used in the crime, or the corporation, merchant business, or individual who issued the credit, goods, or services to the defendant who is using the personal identifying information of another.
- (f) In any case in which a person willfully obtains personal identifying information of another person, uses that information to commit a crime in addition to a violation of subdivision (a), and is convicted of that crime, the court records shall reflect that the person whose identity was falsely used to commit the crime did not commit the crime.
- (g) Every person who, with the intent to defraud, acquires, transfers, or retains possession of the personal identifying information, as defined in subdivision (c), of another person is guilty of a public offense, and upon conviction therefor, shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one year, or a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine.
- (h) (1) If the taking or loss described in subdivision (a) exceeds fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the crime involves five or more victims, or the crime was committed via electronic communication, the court shall add an additional one year to the defendant's sentence.
- (2) If the taking or loss described in subdivision (a) exceeds one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), or the crime involves 10 or more victims, the court shall add an additional two years to the defendant's sentence.
- (i) Any term of punishment described in subdivision (h) may run consecutively with any additional term of punishment imposed by Section 186.11.

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(j) Any person convicted of a violation of, or of a conspiracy to violate, this section, shall receive, in addition to any other punishment authorized by law, including Section 667.5, a full, separate, and consecutive three-year term for each prior felony conviction of, or for each prior felony conviction of conspiracy to violate, this section, whether or not the prior conviction resulted in a term of imprisonment.

- SEC. 8. Section 530.6 of the Penal Code is amended to read: 530.6. (a) A person who has learned or reasonably suspects that his or her personal identifying information has been unlawfully used by another, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 530.5, may initiate a law enforcement investigation by contacting the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over his or her actual residence, which shall take a police report of the matter, provide the complainant with a copy of that report, and begin an investigation of the facts. If the suspected crime was committed in a different jurisdiction, the local law enforcement agency may refer the matter to the law enforcement agency where the suspected crime was committed for further investigation of the facts.
- (b) A person who reasonably believes that he or she is the victim of identity theft may petition a court, or the court, on its own motion or upon application of the prosecuting attorney, may move, for an expedited judicial determination of his or her factual innocence, where the perpetrator of the identity theft was arrested for, cited for, or convicted of a crime under the victim's identity, or where a criminal complaint has been filed against the perpetrator in the victim's name, or where the victim's identity has been mistakenly associated with a record of criminal conviction. Any judicial determination of factual innocence made pursuant to this section may be heard and determined upon declarations, affidavits, police reports, or other material, relevant, and reliable information submitted by the parties or ordered to be part of the record by the court. Where the court determines that the petition or motion is meritorious and that there is no reasonable cause to believe that the victim committed the offense for which the perpetrator of the identity theft was arrested, cited, convicted, or subject to a criminal complaint in the victim's name, or that the victim's identity has been mistakenly associated with a record of criminal conviction, the court shall find the victim factually

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innocent of that offense. If the victim is found factually innocent, the court shall issue an order certifying this determination.

- (c) After a court has issued a determination of factual innocence pursuant to this section, the court may order the name and associated personal identifying information contained in court records, files, and indexes accessible by the public deleted, sealed, or labeled to show that the data is impersonated and does not reflect the defendant's identity.
- (d) A court that has issued a determination of factual innocence pursuant to this section may at any time vacate that determination if the petition, or any information submitted in support of the petition, is found to contain any material misrepresentation or fraud.
- (e) The Judicial Council of California shall develop a form for use in issuing an order pursuant to this section.
- SEC. 9. Section 530.8 of the Penal Code is amended to read: 530.8. (a) If a person discovers that an application in his or her name for a loan, credit line or account, credit card, charge card, public utility service, or commercial mobile radio service has been filed with any person or entity by an unauthorized person, or that an account in his or her name has been opened with a bank, trust company, savings association, credit union, public utility, or commercial mobile radio service provider by an unauthorized person, then, upon presenting to the person or entity with which the application was filed or the account was opened a copy of a police report prepared pursuant to Section 530.6 and identifying information in the categories of information that the unauthorized person used to complete the application or to open the account, the person, or a law enforcement officer specified by the person, shall be entitled to receive information related to the application or account, including a copy of the unauthorized person's application or application information and a record of transactions or charges associated with the application or account. Upon request by the person in whose name the application was filed or in whose name the account was opened, the person or entity with which the application was filed shall inform him or her of the categories of identifying information that the unauthorized person used to complete the application or to open the account. The person or entity with which the application was filed or the account was opened shall provide copies of all forms and information required

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by this section, without charge, within 10 business days of receipt of the person's request and submission of the required copy of the police report and identifying information.

- (b) Any request made pursuant to subdivision (a) to a person or entity subject to the provisions of Section 2891 of the Public Utilities Code shall be in writing and the requesting person shall be deemed to be the subscriber for purposes of that section.
- (c) (1) Before a person or entity provides copies to a law enforcement officer pursuant to subdivision (a), the person or entity may require the requesting person to submit a signed and dated statement by which the requesting person does all of the following:
 - (A) Authorizes disclosure for a stated period.

- (B) Specifies the name of the agency or department to which the disclosure is authorized.
- (C) Identifies the types of records that the requesting person authorizes to be disclosed.
- (2) The person or entity shall include in the statement to be signed by the requesting person a notice that the requesting person has the right at any time to revoke the authorization.
- (d) (1) A failure to produce records pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be addressed by the court in the jurisdiction that the victim resides in and where the request for information was issued from. Upon motion by the Attorney General, the district attorney, or the prosecuting city attorney, the court may compel the attendance of the person or entity in possession of the records, as described in subdivision (a), and order the production of the requested records to the court. Unless the parties to the proceeding agree otherwise, following a hearing, the court shall order the release of records as required pursuant to this section. The court shall hear and decide that motion no later than 10 court days after the motion is served and filed.
- (2) In addition to any other civil remedy available, the victim may bring a civil action against the entity for damages, injunctive relief or other equitable relief, and a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) per day of noncompliance, plus reasonable attorneys' fees.
- (e) As used in this section, "application" includes the addition of authorized users to an existing account or any other changes made to an existing account.

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(f) As used in this section, "law enforcement officer" means a peace officer as defined by Section 830.1 of the Penal Code.

- (g) As used in this section, "commercial mobile radio service" means "commercial mobile radio service" as defined in section 20.3 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- SEC. 10. Section 1191.10 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

1191.10. The definition of the term "victim" as used in Section 1191.1 includes any insurer or employer who was the victim of workers' compensation fraud for the crimes specified in Section 549 of this code, Sections 2314 and 6152 of the Business and Professions Code, Sections 1871.4, 11760, and 11880 of the Insurance Code, and Section 3215 of the Labor Code, and any victim of identity theft pursuant to Section 530.5.

SEC. 11.

- SEC. 10. Section 2891 of the Public Utilities Code is amended to read:
- 2891. (a) No telephone or telegraph corporation shall make available to any other person or corporation, without first obtaining the residential subscriber's consent, in writing, any of the following information:
- (1) The subscriber's personal calling patterns, including any listing of the telephone or other access numbers called by the subscriber, but excluding the identification to the person called of the person calling and the telephone number from which the call was placed, subject to the restrictions in Section 2893, and also excluding billing information concerning the person calling which federal law or regulation requires a telephone corporation to provide to the person called.
- (2) The residential subscriber's credit or other personal financial information, except when the corporation is ordered by the commission to provide this information to any electrical, gas, heat, telephone, telegraph, or water corporation, or centralized credit check system, for the purpose of determining the creditworthiness of new utility subscribers.
- (3) The services which the residential subscriber purchases from the corporation or from independent suppliers of information services who use the corporation's telephone or telegraph line to provide service to the residential subscriber.

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(4) Demographic information about individual residential subscribers, or aggregate information from which individual identities and characteristics have not been removed.

- (b) Any residential subscriber who gives his or her written consent for the release of one or more of the categories of personal information specified in subdivision (a) shall be informed by the telephone or telegraph corporation regarding the identity of each person or corporation to whom the information has been released, upon written request. The corporation shall notify every residential subscriber of the provisions of this subdivision whenever consent is requested pursuant to this subdivision.
- (c) Any residential subscriber who has, pursuant to subdivision (b), given written consent for the release of one or more of the categories of personal information specified in subdivision (a) may rescind this consent upon submission of a written notice to the telephone or telegraph corporation. The corporation shall cease to make available any personal information about the subscriber, within 30 days following receipt of notice given pursuant to this subdivision.
 - (d) This section does not apply to any of the following:
- (1) Information provided by residential subscribers for inclusion in the corporation's directory of subscribers.
- (2) Information customarily provided by the corporation through directory assistance services.
 - (3) Postal ZIP Code information.

- (4) Information provided under supervision of the commission to a collection agency by the telephone corporation exclusively for the collection of unpaid debts.
- (5) Information provided to an emergency service agency responding to a 911 telephone call or any other call communicating an imminent threat to life or property.
- (6) Information provided to a law enforcement agency in response to lawful process.
- (7) Information which is required by the commission pursuant to its jurisdiction and control over telephone and telegraph corporations.
- (8) Information transmitted between telephone or telegraph corporations pursuant to the furnishing of telephone service between or within service areas.

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(9) Information required to be provided by the corporation pursuant to rules and orders of the commission or the Federal Communications Commission regarding the provision over telephone lines by parties other than the telephone and telegraph corporations of telephone or information services.

- (10) The name and address of the lifeline customers of a telephone corporation provided by that telephone corporation to a public utility for the sole purpose of low-income ratepayer assistance outreach efforts. The telephone corporation receiving the information request pursuant to this paragraph may charge the requesting utility for the cost of the search and release of the requested information. The commission, in its annual low-income ratepayer assistance report, shall assess whether this information has been helpful in the low-income ratepayer assistance outreach efforts.
- (11) Information provided in response to a request pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 530.8 of the Penal Code.
- (e) Every violation is a grounds for a civil suit by the aggrieved residential subscriber against the telephone or telegraph corporation and its employees responsible for the violation.
- (f) For purposes of this section, "access number" means a telex, teletex, facsimile, computer modem, or any other code which is used by a residential subscriber of a telephone or telegraph corporation to direct a communication to another subscriber of the same or another telephone or telegraph corporation.

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SEC. 11. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.